

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following two paragraphs at the end of the paragraph on page 5 of the Specification:

The metal ring (4) has a cylindrical center part (4.1) having inner and outer surfaces. The plastic joint housing (2) abuts against the outer surface of the cylindrical center part (4.1). The inner surface of the cylindrical center part (4.1) has a diameter that corresponds to an outside diameter of the bearing shell (3) and is in abutting engagement with the outside diameter of the bearing shell (3) when the bearing shell is received in the plastic joint housing (2). The metal ring (4) has a radially outwardly angled flange (4.2) that is surrounded by plastic material of the joint housing (2). The metal ring (4) has a radially inwardly bent end segment (4.3) located in an area of an opening in the joint housing (2) that is provided for passage of the joint pin (1). The radially inwardly bent end segment (4.3) secures the bearing shell (3) within the joint housing (2).

It will be understood that the above description of the present invention is susceptible to various modifications, changes and adaptations, and the same are intended to be comprehended within the meaning and range of equivalents of the appended claims. The presently disclosed embodiments are considered in all respects to be illustrative, and not restrictive. The scope of the invention is indicated by the appended claims, rather than the foregoing description, and all changes that come within the meaning and range of equivalence thereof are intended to be embraced therein.